Setting up of Women's Development Corporation

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have urged the State Governments to set up Women's Development Corporation in their respective States;

(b) is so, what are the details of the States in which Women's Development Corporations have since been set up; and

(c) what are the main objectives of setting up of the said Corporations and to what extent the women would be benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) The Government has circulated copies of a scheme for assisting the Women's Development Corporations to be set up by the State Governments and requested them to avail of it.

(b) So far the Government of Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Punjab Union Territory Chandigarh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Manipur and Gujarat have set up Women's Development Corporations.

(c) The main objectives of the Governments Scheme for assisting the Women's Development Corporation are to cover directly and in association with other organisations, poor and needy women, including women belonging to categories such as single women ; female headed households etc.

Privatisation of construction of National Highways

931. SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 275 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th February 1988 and state:

(a) whether the Central Government's plan to allow private sector to construct and maintain highways and bridges has evoked poor response from industrialists;

(b) whether the proposal to allow private sector for the said task has been shelved;

(c) if so, what are the datails of industrialists who had shown interest the reaons for not assigning them task; and

(d) what other steps Government propose to take to construct the national highways in a time bound period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) The Government of India invited proposals from the private sector for taking up selectively certain toll based schemes on National Highways. Only two specific proposals for the construction of Pune by-pass (length 34.35 kms) and four laning of Kanpur-Lucknow road (length 60 kms) were received from the following firms : —

I. *Pune By-pass* :

1. M/s. Agarwal Stone Udyog India Ltd., Pune.

2. M/s. S.B. Joshi & Co. Ltd., Bombay.